

**TOPIC: APPROVAL OF SECONDARY POST-BACCALAUREATE
TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO**

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item requests approval for the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) to offer post-baccalaureate teacher preparation with secondary endorsements.

II. BACKGROUND

This is a non-degree, licensure only, initial endorsement program. This program allows those who already hold a bachelor's degree to complete additional pedagogy coursework without completing an entire second degree. UNC currently has an approved post-baccalaureate program. This redesign systematizes post-baccalaureate licensure education, shortens it, and will attract new audiences while ensuring the high quality of initial teacher preparation. Students will have their transcripts evaluated for major content. If gaps are found, additional content classes may be required. The program includes a combination of on-campus and extended studies courses. Secondary endorsements offered through this program include Drama (8.07), English Language Arts (8.09), Foreign Language (8.10), Mathematics (8.14), Science (8.17), Social Studies (8.18) and Speech (8.19).

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its meeting on February 10, 2010, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of this program proposal. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to the department.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-121, the department confirmed that the program proposal meets all performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the Secondary Post-Baccalaureate teacher preparation program proposal submitted by University of Northern Colorado.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant statute, policy, and the letter of approval from the State Board of Education are on file in the Academic Affairs Office.

VII. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-1-121